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OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND THE

Inspector of Nuisances

FOR THE YEAR 1920

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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE BOROUGH OF NEW WINDSOR.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1920, as Medical Officer of Health.

In January, the Ministry of Health sent down a Commissioner to hold a court of Inquiry upon the question of extension of the Borough, to include Clewer Without. Proceedings lasted 3 whole days, the Ministry sanctioned the application and Clewer Without became incorporated on November 9th last. My Report deals with the Borough before extension, and where necessary I have adjusted the Registrar General's figures.

POPULATION.—Census 1911 was 12,681. The estimated population for 1920 was 13,336. The number for the enlarged Borough was 18,356.

AREA.—The old Borough had an acreage of 2,582 with actual building area of only 350 acres, the remainder being Government or Crown property. Clewer brings an additional 1,899 acres,

The following Table (M.13) gives particulars of causes of death and other statistics:—

TABLE (M.13).  
CAUSES OF DEATH IN NEW WINDSOR (M.B.) 1920.  
(Civilians only).

<i>Causes of Death.</i>	<i>Males.</i>	<i>Females.</i>
All Causes ... ..	77	72
Enteric Fever ... ..	—	—
Small-pox... ..	—	—
Measles ... ..	1	—
Scarlet Fever ... ..	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup ... ..	—	1
Influenza ... ..	3	1
Erysipelas ... ..	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... ..	7	5
Tuberculous Meningitis ... ..	1	—
Other Tuberculous Diseases ... ..	3	1
Cancer, Malignant Disease ... ..	12	12
Rheumatic Fever ... ..	—	—
Meningitis ... ..	—	—
Organic Heart Disease ... ..	6	13
Bronchitis ... ..	3	4
Pneumonia (all forms) ... ..	5	5
Other Respiratory Diseases ... ..	—	1
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) ... ..	—	—
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ... ..	—	—
Cirrhosis of Liver ... ..	1	—
Alcoholism ... ..	—	—
Nephritis and Bright's Disease ... ..	4	3
Puerperal Fever ... ..	—	1
Parturition apart from Puerperal Fever ... ..	—	—
Congenital Debility, etc. ... ..	6	2
Violence, apart from Suicide ... ..	1	—
Suicide ... ..	1	—
Other Defined Diseases ... ..	23	22
Causes ill-defined or unknown ... ..	—	1
Special Causes (included above)		
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ... ..	—	—
Policmyelitis ... ..	—	—
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age		
Total ... ..	11	4
Illegitimate ... ..	1	2
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Total Births ... ..	159	158
Legitimate ... ..	147	150
Illegitimate ... ..	12	8



## POPULATION—

For Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	14,523
For Death Rate	...	...	...	...	13,336

		Mid-Year.	
		Population as before 9/11/20.	Population as after 9/11/20
For Birth Rate	... ..	13,670	19,543
For Death Rate	... ..	12,483	18,356

NOTE.—The figures given include the statistics obtained from inclusion of Clewer from November 9th to end of year. The figures have been corrected by me accordingly.

The total number of Births was 291. This gives a Birth Rate of 20.3 per 1,000. The number of residents who died was 138, which gives 10.3 as the general Death Rate. Last year it was over 14.

The total deaths of Infants under 1 year was 14, which gives an Infant mortality of 48.1 per 1,000 births.

## SANITARY INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

A full Report of this work will be found in the Inspector's Report.

## SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary Offices are inspected every month, and as School Medical Officer I am constantly in and out of the Schools.

Measles and Chicken-pox became epidemic in the autumn and 3 Infant Schools were closed in consequence for varying periods.

## MILK AND CREAM REGULATIONS

1912 and 1917.

The following table shews the results of analyses:—

## 1. MILK AND CREAM NOT SOLD AS PRESERVED CREAM—

*Milk :*

Number of samples examined for presence of preservative	... ..	15
Number in which preservative was found	...	0

*Cream :*

Number of samples examined for presence of preservative	... ..	2
Number in which preservative was found	...	0

## 2. CREAM SOLD AS PRESERVED CREAM—

(A) Instances in which samples have been submitted for analysis to ascertain if the statements on the label as to preservative were correct—

(1) Correct statements made ... 3  
 (2) Statements incorrect... ... 0

Total ... 3

(B) Percentage of preservative found in each sample—

(1) .28                      (2) .15                      (3) .28

Percentage stated on label—.4, in each case.

The Slaughter houses are regularly inspected, the Inspector making an appointment to be present at the time of slaughter.

The following particulars refer to the slaughter houses in the Borough.

	In 1914.	Jan., 1920.	Dec. 1920.
Registered and Licensed ...	6	6	6
	—	—	—
Total ...                      ...                      ...	6	6	6
	—	—	—

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year there were :

SCARLET FEVER.—16 cases ; 8 of whom were sent to the Isolation Hospital at Cippenham.

DIPHTHERIA.—13 case ; 5 removed to Cippenham.

ENTERIC FEVER.—1 case ; removed to Cippenham

ERYSIPELAS.—2 cases.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.—2 cases ; both mild and made complete recovery. No damage to eyesight.

PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.—10 cases ; 5 of whom received sanatorium treatment.

SURGICAL TUBERCULOSIS.—5 cases ; all treated at King Edward VII. Hospital, Windsor

The Council have an arrangement with the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, London, for examination of sputa in case of suspected consumption and swabs from suspected throat cases. Advantage has been taken of this by the Medical Practitioners in the area.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Infant Welfare Centre at the Acre Clinic has had a most successful year. Owing to better organisation, and no doubt because it is appreciated, the number on the register and the weekly attendances have greatly increased. I find, taking 6 months ending March this year, winter months, the number of individual mothers was 230 and the average weekly attendance told over 50. The chairs, purchased with money voted by the Council, made things much more comfortable. In order that babies under 3 months should have special care and attention, a third room, easily accessible from my consultation room and the big room, has been placed at our disposal. This arrangement makes the work much more comfortable to all concerned, as the noise at times became unbearable with all the babies in the big room. As you know, the work was started some 7 or 8 years ago, by a band of enthusiastic ladies, purely as a voluntary effort. Those ladies still work, as keen as ever. The town owes a great debt of gratitude to them. The selling of dried milks and other aids to infant feeding has assumed enormous proportions. Obtaining goods direct from the firms, we are able to sell to the mothers at wholesale prices; the same applies to the wool. In deserving cases, the dried milk is supplied free.

The Health Visitor has done good work. All cases are visited in their homes, and special attention paid to any baby that is found to require observation during the week.

PRE-NATAL WORK.—In June, I started a Pre-Natal Clinic. It is held once a month, and the Matron of the Maternity Home assists me. The cases seen are mostly first baby cases, but others attend, such as cases of previous miscarriages or still birth. It is interesting to record that amongst the first batch of cases was one with a contracted pelvis, in which it was impossible for the mother to have a live child without what is known as Caesarian Section. This was performed at King Edward VII. Hospital and mother and child are flourishing. This case would not have been discovered otherwise, until it was too late, when the baby would certainly not have been born alive, and the mother would have been in great danger.

At the INFANT NURSERY, the Crèche that was, good work is being done. The babies are resident. During the present time of unemployment, the Crèche would have been useful, perhaps, but in normal times it was found so little used that it did not justify the great expense entailed in the upkeep. Good work is also being carried out at S. Michael's House, in the way of rescue work.



There was one death from Puerperal Fever, two cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified. Both made complete recoveries.

SMALL-POX HOSPITAL.—The new Hospital, erected upon the site of the old one that was burnt down, is complete and ready to receive patients on short notice. This new structure is a great improvement upon the old one and could not be better for the purpose it is intended for. The arrangement with the Eton Rural Authority for receiving into their Isolation Hospital other infectious diseases occurring in the Borough such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Enteric, has been taken advantage of to the extent of 14 cases.

The following Acts have been adopted in the Borough :—

The Infectious Diseases (Notification) Act, 1889.

The Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890.

The Public Health Act Amendment Act (except part iv.), 1890.

The Private Street Works Act, 1892.

The Baths and Wash-house Act, 1846 to 1899.

The Notification of Birth Act, 1907.

## HOUSING.

At the time of writing, the 14 houses being erected by the Council, as a basis for their Housing Scheme, are near completion. The position as regards the River Street area houses remains the same, pending completion of new houses. For the present, by constant supervision, these poor houses are kept barely up to the mark. No new houses were completed in 1920.

## APPENDICES.

### HOUSING CONDITIONS.

*Statistics.—Year ended 31st December, 1920.*

#### I.—GENERAL.

(1) Estimated Population—Old Borough ...	...	13,356
"                                  New Borough ...	...	18,356
(2) General death-rate ...	...	10.5
(3) Death-rate for tuberculosis ...	...	1.19
(4) Infantile mortality ...	...	48.1
(5) Number of dwelling-houses of all classes ...	...	2,708
(6) Number of working-class dwelling-houses ...	...	1,388
(7) Number of new working-class houses erected		Nil.



## 2.—UNFIT DWELLING HOUSES.

## 1.—INSPECTION.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	1,388
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ... ..	202
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	26
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... ..	11

## 2.—REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... ..	50
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## 3.—ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. *Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	31
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit—	
(a) By Owners ... ..	31
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... ..	—

B. *Proceedings under Public Health Acts.*

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—	
(a) By Owners ... ..	—
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—

C. *Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.*

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	—
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit ... ..	—
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(5) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolishing Orders ...	—

3.—UNHEALTHY AREAS

Areas represented to the Local Authority with a view to Improvement Schemes under (a), Part I., or (b), Part II., of the Act of 1890 :—

(1) Name of area ... ..	River Street
(2) Acreage ... ..	—
(3) Number of working-class houses in area ...	37
(4) Number of working-class persons to be displaced	50

4.—Number of houses not complying with the building byelaws erected with consent of Local Authority under section 25 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919 ... .. —

5.—Staff engaged on housing work with, briefly, the duties of each officer... .. —

Your obedient servant,

A. DOUGLAS CROFTS.

April 4th, 1921.

# *Borough of New Windsor*

## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# *Inspector of Nuisances*

AND

*Inspector of Foods and Drugs*

1920

TO THE NEW WINDSOR URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit my Report on the work of your Inspector during the past twelve months.

A house to house inspection has been made of the following localities :—

Arthur Road .....	2	Brook Street .....	2
Albany Road .....	1	Bridgewater Terrace ...	4
Alma Road and Cottages	1	Cambridge Place .....	1
Albion Place .....	2	Church Street .....	1
Acre Passage .....	2	Charles Street .....	3
Adelaide Square .....	1	Charles Place .....	3
Alma Cottage .....	3	Charles Street Cottages	3
Alexandra Road (part of)	1	Clarence Clump .....	3
Bolton Road .....	1	Collins Buildings .....	4
Bourne Avenue .....	2	Dagmar Road .....	1



Denmark Street .....	1	Model Cottages .....	1
Datchet Road .....	1	Oxford Road .....	2
Edward Square .....	2	Peascod Street .....	4
Frances Road (part of) ...	1	Queen's Road .....	1
Garden Court .....	5	Russell Street .....	2
Great Western Place .....	4	Red Lion Row .....	4
Goswell Place .....	4	South Place .....	4
Goswell Hill .....	3	Sydney Place .....	4
Goswell Road .....	2	Sired Court .....	2
Grove Road .....	1	St. Leonard's Road .....	1
Garfield Place .....	2	St. Alban's Street .....	1
Groves Cottages .....	3	Tolladay Place .....	2
Helena Road .....	2	St. Leonard's Avenue.....	1
James Street .....	2	St. Mark's Place .....	1
King's Road .....	1	Thames Side.....	1
Keppel Row .....	6	River Street .....	4
Lammas Avenue .....	1	Victoria Cottages .....	1
Leworth Place .....	2	Victor Road.....	1
Complaints and special visits ... ..			46
Re-inspections to ascertain if defects remedied ... ..			414
Number of defects discovered and remedied ... ..			606

*Detail of Defects remedied :—*

House Drains re-constructed ... ..	5
„ „ unstopped ... ..	21
„ „ repaired ... ..	27
„ „ tested ... ..	2
„ „ ventilated ... ..	3
Water Closets re-constructed ... ..	3
„ „ unstopped ... ..	29
„ „ seats and floors repaired ... ..	12
„ „ flushing apparatus repaired ... ..	56
„ „ new trap and basin ... ..	21
„ „ drains repaired ... ..	12
New sinks provided ... ..	4
Sink waste pipes repaired ... ..	4
Yard drains repaired ... ..	15
Yard pavings repaired ... ..	17
Damp walls of houses amended ... ..	12
Roofs of houses repaired ... ..	42
Rainwater spouts and gutterings repaired ... ..	19
Interior walls and floors of houses repaired ... ..	26
Ceilings of rooms cleansed ... ..	153
Ceilings of rooms repapered or colored ... ..	140
Floors of rooms repaired ... ..	13
Floors of rooms ventilation improved ... ..	7
Verminous rooms disinfected ... ..	12
Overcrowding of rooms abated ... ..	8



Foul urinals cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	10
Foul urinals flushing apparatus provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Foul deposits removed	...	...	...	...	...	18
Varicous other defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	56

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Under the direction of Medical Officer of Health disinfection of bedding and clothing has been carried out in all notifiable and other diseases where considered necessary.

Number of articles of bedding and clothing disinfected	...	...	...	...	1350
Foul and verminous bedding destroyed	...	...	...	...	57
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	81

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The Elementary Schools twice disinfected, also the rooms in the Hospital as required.

### UN SOUND FOODS.

During the year foods of various kinds have been inspected and condemned, being unfit for human food, as follows:—

Beef, 416lbs.; Tinned beef, 30lb.; Mutton and Lamb, 294lbs.; Bacon, 119lbs.; Sausages, 66lbs.; Rabbits, 2 boxes; Pork, 30lbs.; Eggs, 4 gross; Wet Fish, 4 stone; Dry Fish, 2 boxes; Milk, 2 tins; Butter, 24lbs.; Mixed Fruits, 25 tins; Tomatoes, 7 tins.

### FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRIES, WORKPLACES.

These have been inspected and additional W.C. accommodation provided where found necessary.

### BAKEHOUSES.

Inspections from time to time have been carried out and attention given to general cleanliness and limewhiting.

### HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND EATING HOUSES.

Have been visited and an inspection made of utensils and preparation of food,

## DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

These are inspected at varying times and attention given to general cleanliness and the utensils in use.

## FOODS AND DRUGS.

Samples of various foods, Formal and Informal, have been taken and forwarded to the Borough Analyst, 53 in number, Milk, Butter, Lard, Cream, Vinegar, Mustard, Pepper, Olive Oil, Cocoa, Arrowroot, Sugar, Baking Powder and Margarine.

## CANAL BOATS ACTS.

Barges, 16 in number, have been inspected, these mainly engaged in carrying firewood. No breach of the regulations was discovered. No infectious disease was notified and it was not found necessary to detain any of the boats for disinfection.

*Information of Nuisances and Statutory Proceedings—*

Informations	...	...	...	...	50
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	31
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	Nil

S. W. MELLOWS, C.S.I.S.E.,

*Sanitary Inspector.*



